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COMPROMISE RESOLUTION

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on the situation in East Timor replacing resolutions 94, 106, 116 and 140

The ACP-EEC Joint Assembly,

- meeting in Luxembourg from 24 to 28 September 1990,

A. reaffirming the position adopted in its previous resolutions on the situation in East Timor and that adopted by the United Nations Security Council, General Assembly, and the European Parliament,

B. having regard to the letter of the apostolic administrator of East Timor, Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo to the Secretary General of the UN, Peres de Cuellar on 6 February 1989, calling for a referendum in East Timor and stating 'we are dying as a nation and a people',

C. whereas East Timor is still occupied by Indonesia since 1975, in breach of international law, and is still subjected to violations of human rights, to the suppression of free expression, the right to self-determination and cultural identity be it linguistic or religious,

D. having regard to the repeated reports from Amnesty International and other humanitarian organizations on serious violations of human rights in past years and the continued 'disappearance', torture and detention during peaceful demonstrations of political opponents of the Indonesian authorities,

E. having regard to the reports of violent breaking up of peaceful demonstrations, some of which are as recent as October 1989 at the end of the Pope's visit and on 16 January 1990 when at least 100 East Timor people demonstrated in front of the Hotel Turismo in Dili,

F. having regard to the recent agreement between Indonesia and Australia to share the exploitation of oil resources of the seas around Timor,

G. whereas the Community, under the treaties, has relations with the ASEAN countries, of which Indonesia is a member;

H. whereas, owing to presumptuous diplomatic representations by the Indonesian Government, this motion for a resolution was not put to the vote at the previous ACP-EEC meeting in Port Moresby,

1. Condemns the continued unjustified occupation of East Timor and abuses of human rights and calls for recognition by all States of the right to self-determination, cultural autonomy, freedom to use own natural resources and independence of the people of East Timor;

2. Calls for the opening up of a full-scale and independent judicial inquiry forthwith into reports of arbitrary arrest and mistreatment of peaceful demonstrators with a view to finding a long-term solution to the conflict which has now lasted 15 years and a clear code of conduct for the police and security force particularly as regards peaceful demonstration;

3. Demands the unconditional release of those arrested before and since 1981 for opposing the Indonesian occupations, a halt to summary executions, free access and free movement for international observers and human rights organizations to examine, freely, conditions in the country and to investigate reports of human rights violations;

4. Calls on the UN Secretary General, in his effort to find a solution, to consult not only with Portugal and Indonesia, but also with the representative of the people of East Timor;

5. Calls on the Indonesian Government to authorize international observers and humanitarian organizations to enter the region of East Timor so that the application of the international provisions on human rights can be monitored;

6. Condemns the agreement between Indonesia and Australia to divide up the exploitation of the oil resources of East Timor;

7. Calls on the members of the Joint Assembly to urge their Governments and other Community and ACP-EEC institutions to bring pressure to bear on Indonesia;

8. Proposes to the Bureau of the Joint Assembly that an ad hoc Group be set up to draw up a report on the situation in East Timor with the view to making a positive contribution to resolving the conflict in East Timor;

9. Also proposes that this report looks into the legal aspects of a possible accession by East Timor to the Group of ACP States given her right to self-determination;

10. Instructs its Co-Presidents to forward this resolution to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the Commission, the Governments of Australia, Indonesia and Portugal and to the Convergencia Nacionalista of Timor.